(b) if so, what is the purpose of this Commission ; and

(c) whether this Commission would also look into the working of the Supreme Court and High Courts in the Country?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI) : (a) and (b) The Government intend to set up a high-level Judicial Commission for the appointment of Judges in the High Courts and the Supreme Court and for the transfer of Judges from one High Court to another.

(c) No, Sir.

Case against Reliance Group of Companies

298. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of FIANANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a case is under investigation with Collector of Customs, Bombay against the Reliance Group of Companies for having imported extra spinnning units for its synthetic yarn mills ;

(b) whether the Collector of Customs, Bombay imposed a fine totalling Rs. 120 crore against the group of companies ;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the case has been reopened recently ; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE) : (a) to (e) The matter relating *inter alia* to alleged import of extra spinning machine lines by M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. was investigated by Bombay Customs House. Thereafter a Show-Cause Notice issued on 10-2-87 to the Company alleging evasion of duty of Rs. 119.64 crores of which import of extra Machine Lines was included as one of the charges.

The above Show-Cause Notice was adjudicated by Collector of Customs, Bombay who in his adjudication orders dated 31-1-89 read with corrigendum dated 28-2-89 dropped the charges made in the Show-Cause Notice.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 129(D)(1) of the Customs Act, 1962, the Central Board of Excise & Customs (C.B. E.C.) called for and examined the records of proceedings leading to the said orders dated 31-1-89 read with orders dated 28-2-89 of Collector of Customs for the purpose of satisfying itself as to the legality and propriety of such decision and, in its Order No. 62/R-89 dated 29-12-89, directed Collector of Customs to apply to the Appellate Tribunal for determination of points as specified in the orders of the Board. In pursuance of the said Order dated 29-12-89, Collector of Customs, Bombay made an application to the Appellate Tribunal and it was filed on 17-1-1990.

Alleged Role of Bank of Baroda FIscal Services in Acquiring Larsen and Toubro Equity

299. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the alleged